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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have constituted an Expert Group to assess the financial needs for various sectors of infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether the Expert Group has submitted its report;

(c) the total investment required in the country in infrastructure, Sector-wise; and

(d) the details of action plan prepared by the Government to mobilise the resources for the infrastructure sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a), (b) and (c): An Expert Group on Commercialisation ofInfrastructure Projects wasset up by the Ministry of Finance in October 1994. The Expert committee submitted its report to the Government on 22nd June, 1996. As per projections made by the Expert group, total investment required for the Infrastructure Sector would amount to Rs. 4,31,860 crore between 1996-97 to 2000-2001 and about Rs. 7,45,460 crore during 2001-02 to 2005-06. Sectoral breakdown of projected infrastructure investment is summarized below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	1996-97 To 2000-01	2001-02 To 2005-06
1. Electricity, Gas, Water Supply	211610	338110
2. Railway	48430	77400
3. Other Transport	120990	248750
4. Storage	780	1220
5. Communications	50050	79980
Total	431860	745460

(d) Most of the major recommendations of the Expert Group have been accepted by the Government and appropriate policy measures have been announced.